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SUBJECT: GUINEAN AMBASSADOR BAH'S CALL ON AF ASSISTANT
SECRETARY SCHAUFEELE

1. GUINEAN AMB. BAH PAID INTRODUCTORY COURTESY CALL ON
ASST. SEC. SCHAUFEELE FEBRUARY 10. COUNTRY OFFICER
ATTENDED.

2. BAH NOTED FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WHICH EXISTS
BETWEEN GUINEA AND US, AND REFERRED TO IMPORTANCE OF
AMERICAN BAUXITE COMPANIES, AND POSSIBLY OF KAISER
INDUSTRIES, TO THE "PRIVATE SECTOR" OF GUINEA'S ECONOMY.

3. ASST. SEC. TOLD BAH WE CONSIDER OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH
GUINEA TO BE IMPORTANT. OUR PROBLEMS AND DIFFERENCES OF
OPINION HAVE NOT HARMED OUR VITAL BILATERAL INTERESTS,
AND RELATIONS ARE GOOD. ASST. SEC. REMARKED THAT IN VIEW
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OF GUINEA'S POLITICAL STANCE, SOME MIGHT FIND US-GUINEAN

COOPERATION IN THE "PRIVATE SECTOR" SURPRISING. HOWEVER,
WE HOPE TO CONTINUE THIS MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL COOPERATION.

4. TURNING TO ANGOLA SITUATION, ASST. SEC. TOLD BAH THIS
IS AN AREA IN WHICH WE DO HAVE PROBLEMS WITH GUINEA. WE
DO NOT AGREE WITH GUINEA'S STANCE. HOPEFULLY, THE ANGOLA

PROBLEM WILL BE RESOLVED--ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT KNOW NOW IN
HIGH DIRECTION--AND THIS POINT OF FRICTION BETWEEN US
WILL BE REMOVED. IN THE MEANTIME, ASST. SEC. WANTED TO
EMPHASIZE THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH THE US VIEWS THE
ANGOLA CRISIS. THE MASSIVE SOVIET/CUBAN PRESENCE IS BAD
FOR ANGOLA AND IT IS BAD FOR AFRICA. IT IS A NEW AND
DANGEROUS PHENOMENON ON THE AFRICAN CONTINENT.

5. BAH RESPONDED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT IS FULLY AWARE OF
THE US POSITION ON ANGOLA. HE SAID ANGOLA SHOULD BE
ENTIRELY FREE TO DEAL WITH ITS OWN PROBLEMS IN ITS OWN
WAY, AND AS IT HAPPENS, THE MPLA HAS SOUGHT OUTSIDE
ASSISTANCE TO GAIN ITS FREEDOM. BAH SAID GUINEA HOPES AN
"INTERNAL" SOLUTION CAN BE WORKED OUT, AND CLAIMED THAT
THE "OUTSIDE FORCES" AIDING THE MPLA WILL NOT STAY IN
ANGOLA. GUINEA SUPPORTS THE MPLA, BUT ALL THESE FORCES,
SOUTH AFRICAN AND OTHERS, SHOULD LEAVE.

6. ASST. SEC. SCHAUFLELE SAID HIS PURPOSE WAS TO UNDER-
LINE US CONCERN. BAH RESPONDED THAT GUINEA OPPOSES ANY
EFFORT TO RESTRICT THE LIBERTY OF GUINEA OR OTHER AFRICAN
STATES, BUT DOES NOT SUPPORT EITHER THE SOVIET OR WESTERN
BLOC. ASST. SEC. SCHAUFLELE NOTED LIGHTLY THAT HE MIGHT
HAVE OCCASION IN THE FUTURE TO REMIND BAH OF THAT
STATEMENT. INGERSOLL

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